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SPECIFICATION: Amendments to the specification begin on page 7 of this amendment.

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DRAWINGS: Amendments to the drawings are discussed on page 8 of this amendment.

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BACKGROUND OF THE INVENTION

Please make the following amendments;

[0005] The second method involves sectioning the individual's natural hair and ~~twisting or braiding manipulating~~ the sections. These sections are allowed to matt or tangle. This results in locks of uniform size and is referred to as having a groomed appearance.

[0006] As the hair grows it becomes loose at the scalp. Individuals ~~using the second method manipulating~~ the hair have the options of twisting or looping new growth. Pencils, rug latch hooks, and crochet needles are used to loop the hair due to the lack of availability of dreadlock styling devices. Pencils, rug latch hooks U.S. Pat. No. 3,893,603, and crochet needle U.S. Pat. No. D420, 214 were not designed to style hair.

[0011] please eliminate the current paragraph 11 an replace it with the following

[0011]~~The current hairstyling tools which form the pony tail hairstyle by looping are inadequate in forming the tight weaving patterns for styling of dreadlocks. JP Pat No. 06284922 A are designed specifically for looping the temporary hairstyle ponytail in straight~~

hair with the aid of a rubber band. The current ponytail looping devices are plastic and designed to distort (be flexible) as it passes behind the rubber band utilizing the loop to hide the rubber band. Though these devices can be made smaller in size the distorted loop makes tight intricate weaving patterns necessary for the permanent dreadlocks hairstyle difficult at best. Looping and weaving for dreadlocks does not utilize a rubber band. The loops themselves secure the hair secure the hair in a fashion similar to that of sewing a button.

Please add the following paragraphs

[0012] The distort-able loop and the pinch as depicted in JP Pat No. 06284922 A is the incorrect shape to securely hold the hair being looped multiple times into the tight intricate weaving patterns for the permanent hairstyle dreadlocks. JP Pat No. 06284922 A are designed to place a small number of loose loops along a large section of hair for a temporary hairstyle. The more intricate weaving for dreadlocks can encompass twelve loops per round and 50 or more tight loops per hair section for a permanent hairstyle in a space as small as 1/8th of an inch.

[0013] U.S. Patent 4,343,321 Caranicas's hinged hair pin design utilizes a hinge device which becomes caught and entangled when looping curly and kinky hair types. It's primary function is to securely hold cylindrical rollers in a stationary position and mold itself to the users head.

[0014] U.S. Patent No. 1,471,576 Skinner's opened ended hairpin is designed to secure sections of hair in a stationary position. It's open end two legged design make multiple looping or sewing action difficult.

[0015] U.S. Patent No. s 559,108, 3,678,712, and 1,293,660 are different variations of the common sewing needles. These items do not secure the hair for multiple looping and are also inadequate for looping kinky hair types.

[0017] The 75-1200 plus dreadlocks sometimes worn call for a rigid, non distorting, smooth thin tool designed to form the more intricate weaving patterns in kinky/curly to straight hair types in close confined spaces. Up until now no tool has been patented specifically, to form dreadlock hairstyle.

BRIEF SUMMARY OF THE INVENTION

Please make the following amendments;

General

Please remove the term Nappylocs Tool and replace with Hair Weaving Tool.

Please replace paragraph 0001 with the following statement

[0001] The Hair Weaving Tool with two ends comprising a terminal cylindrical probe, an intermediate oval portion and an elongated terminal end which allows for the penetration, securing and looping of a hair section.

Please replace paragraph 0003 with the following paragraph

[0003] The round smooth elongated terminal end holds the hair securely while looping and does not damage the ends or grasp hairs from neighboring locks.

BRIEF DESCRIPTION OF DRAWINGS

Please make the following amendments

[0001] FIGS. ~~1A, 1B, 1C~~ 1 are perspective views of the hair sewing needle according to the present invention.

[0002] FIGS. ~~3A, 3B, 3C~~ 3 are perspective views of an additional embodiment.

[0003] FIGS. ~~4A, 4B, 4C~~ 4 are perspective views of an additional embodiment.

[0004] FIG. 5 is a perspective view of an additional embodiment.

[0005] FIG. 6 is a perspective view of a rug latch hook-pencil.

[0006] FIG. 7 is a perspective view of a crochet needle-rug latch hook.

[0007] FIG. 8 is a perspective view of a rug latch hook

DETAILED DESCRIPTION OF THE PREFERRED EMBODIMENTS.

Please make the following amendments

[0001] This Nappy Locs Tool- Hair weaving Tool is directed to the hair styling applications of creating and tightening *dreadlocks*. A preferred embodiment of the hair looping needle is illustrated in FIGS. 1A, 1B, 1C-1 perspective views. As best seen in FIG. 1A-1, the Nappy Locs Tool- Hair Weaving Tool comprises a smooth round shaft 10 having first and second ends 12 and 14. Each of the ends 12 and 14 define a round tail-probe point 12a and a round tip 14a.

[0002] The shaft 10 further comprises a bulb-intermediate oval portion or otherwise hollow expanse 13 located nearest the second end 14.

[0003] The pinch-elongated terminal portion 14 is the second end of the needle with an opening that is substantially reduced in width when compared to the bulb. Its terminal end has a rounded tip.

[0004] The needle FIG. 1 is constructed using approximately 2 inches of 18 ga sterling round wire. The wire is formed around a 3/8 inch mandrel creating a circle and a tail-probe approximate 1 inch long. The circle is soldered closed. Next the circle end closest to the tail-probe is pinched around a {fraction (2/8)} inch mandrel creating two openings the bulb-intermediate oval and the pinch-elongated terminal portion. The pinch-elongated terminal

portion opening is adjusted to approximately 1/8 inch opening.

OPERATION OF INVENTION

Please make the following amendments

[0001] To tighten a dreadlock FIG. 2 thread the hair through the bulb-intermediate oval 13. Then gently slide the lock end into the pinch- elongated terminal portion 14. Insert the tail terminal probe 12 into the new growth. Pierce the base of the lock with the tail-probe at the north point. Slide the tail probe 12 up to the matted end of the lock. Pull the tail probe completely through the lock. Continue to loop the lock as described perpendicular to the previous insertion points, until new hair growth is tighten to the scalp.

[0002] To start a lock from scratch, slide the hair section into the pinch elongated terminal end as described above. Pierce the hair section using the tail probe as close as possible to the tool. Pull the tool completely through the hair section. Next pierce the hair section at an angle perpendicular or crossing the first piercing. Pull the tool completely through. Complete this cross looping until hair section is completely looped close to the scalp.

[0003] FIG. 3 and 4 Additional Embodiments

[0004] Additional embodiments in FIG. 3 and 4 and 5 show perspective views. FIG. 3 displays the Nappy Locs Tool Hair Weaving Tool with a shaft curved to form a semicircle. FIG. 4 displays the needle with the tail tip 12a flexed at a 90-degree angle. FIG. 5 displays the terminal portion twisted at an angle in relation to the intermediate oval portion. Additional Embodiments in FIG. 3 and 4 and 5 operate identically to the preferred embodiment.

[0005] Conclusions, Ramifications, and Scope

[0006] Thus the reader will see the Nappy Locs hair Tool Hair Weaving Tool has features